

SAFE DISPOSAL OF SYRINGES/SHARPS

Now Available at The Dighton Board of Health

Protect yourself, Protect Others, Safe Options for Home Needle Disposal

Sharps disposal Containers are available in the Board of Selectmen/Health Office for Sale:

Sizes available:

1 Quart \$3.00 each- 1 Gallon \$6.00 each

Drop Off Site/Collection Center:

Dighton Board of Health

979 Somerset Avenue

North Dighton, MA

508-669-5182

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Not Actual Container Being Sold

DISPOSING OF YOUR SYRINGES:

- It is now illegal to dispose of syringes in the trash, or recycling bin, or composting bins.
- All needles should be treated as if they carry a disease. That means that if someone gets stuck with a needle, they could get infected with a disease that may be on the needle. Therefore, they would have to get extensive medical tests and worry about whether they have caught a harmful or deadly disease. You have the power to prevent a situation like this simply by safely disposing of your used sharps. Do not place others at risk when safe alternatives are currently available.

WHY ARE NEEDLES DANGEROUS?

They can injure people, can spread germs (Hepatitis and HIV/AIDS), damage recycling equipment, and require people to be tested for years for HIV and Hepatitis, if they are stuck.

To avoid needle sticks at home and protect garbage and recycling workers, don't do the following:

- **Don't** throw used needles, syringes, or lancets in the garbage.
- **Don't** put needles in recycling container.
- **Don't** flush needles down the toilet.
- **Don't** put needles into used plastic milk jugs, bleach bottles or soda bottles.

To properly and legally dispose of needles, do the following:

- **Do** use an approved disposal container-Available for Sale at the Town Hall-Board of Health
- **Do** find a collection center for proper disposal-Available at the Town Hall-Board of Health